

APPROVED
SOUTHSIDE COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
Lamplighter Restaurant
Clarksville, Virginia
Monday April 17, 2006
6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Thomas Bullock, Chair, Gloria Sharber, Vice-Chair, Diane Snoddy, Adrian Kittrell, Mona Rainey

MEMBERS ABSENT: Linda Parham, Teresa Smith

AFFILIATES PRESENT: Jerry Jordan/Family Preservation Services, Susan Ponton/Family First, Teri Bistarkey

OTHERS PRESENT: Sherry Miles/Regional Advocate, Valaria Seamans/SSCSB Advocate

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Thomas Bullock, Chair at 6:00 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the previous meeting, January 23, 2006, were approved as written by unanimous vote.

LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE RE-APPOINTMENT:

Mona Rainey was re-appointed to the Local Human Rights Committee by unanimous vote.

SOUTHSIDE COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD-Day Program Rules of Conduct:

Valaria Seamans presented the revised Rules of Conduct for each of the SCSB day programs. She explained that each day program's rules had been revised to include a ban on weapons, including toy weapons. The Local Human Rights Committee unanimously voted to accept the revisions, with the stipulation that the Brunswick Developmental Training Center add to their rules the same statement as the Halifax Developmental Training Center regarding weapons.

AFFILIATION REQUEST:

A request for affiliation with the Local Human Rights Committee was tabled due to the absence of the requestor.

LOCAL ADVOCATE'S REPORT:

Valaria Seamans, SSCSB Local Advocate reported that there had been 2 cases investigated during the past quarter. Both complaints have been resolved. Ms. Seamans also reported that one affiliate had not paid their dues for the current year. Ms. Seamans will be sending out a letter to this affiliate indicating their non-payment and possible loss of affiliation with the committee.

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REGIONAL ADVOCATE'S REPORT:

Sherry Miles, Regional Advocate gave an update on the status of the revisions to the Human Rights regulations. She reported that the regulations are currently in the Governor's office for review. Once the regulations leave the Governor's office, they will be available for public comment, and will be posted on the state's website. Ms. Miles reported to the committee that training on the regulations has been scheduled for September 7 & 8, 2006 at the Holiday Inn Koger, located in Richmond, Virginia. Ms. Miles gave each committee member a survey to complete regarding the upcoming seminar. Ms. Miles also spoke about the taking of consumers to emergency rooms for Emergency Custody Orders (ECO). She stated that if this were to happen, do not leave the consumer until you know exactly where the consumer is going. In other items, related to correspondence from Richmond, Ms. Miles gave the committee members a copy of a memorandum from Joyce Bozeman, Chair of the State Human Rights Committee regarding committee bylaws and minutes. This memorandum gave approved definitions for local

committee bylaws language. The memo also indicated that each Local Human Rights Committee is responsible for setting the number of absences a committee member may have within a 12 month period, before a recommendation for removal is made.

By a unanimous vote, the Local Human Rights Committee approved the following: When a committee member cannot attend the scheduled LHRC meeting, the member will notify Valaria Seamans, SSCSB Advocate, stating why they cannot attend the meeting. Two unexcused absences will be grounds for removal from the committee.

Ms. Miles also distributed a copy of the **Human Writes**, a newsletter of the State Human Rights Committee. Ms. Miles encouraged everyone to read the newsletter and to feel free to make contributions as indicated in the newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business to be brought before the committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business to be brought before the committee.

ADJOURNMENT:

The vote to adjourn the meeting was unanimous.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 17, 2006, 6:00 p.m. at the Lamplighter Restaurant in Clarksville, Virginia.